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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, UK, SP

SUBJECT: UK-SPANISH DISCUSSIONS ON GATWICK AIRPORT USE

REF: STATE 75648; MADRID 2651

1. DURING CALL ON GENERAL YNIGUEZ JUNE 29 ON OTHER BUSINESS EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT BRITISH ARE AGAIN PRESSING SPANISH TO MAKE SWITCH TO GATWICK. YNIGUEZ SAID THAT BRITISH GROUP HAD VISITED HIM JUNE 28 AND DURING TWO HOUR MEETING HAD PRESENTED ARGUMENT THAT UK USING PURELY GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS IN POLICY DETERMINATION, I.E. COUNTRIES TO SOUTH (SPAIN, PORTUGAL, US AND CANADA) ARE BEING ASKED TO CHANGE TO GATWICK

YNIGUEZ SAID HE POINTED OUT THAT PARIS ALSO LIES SOUTH OF LONDON, AS DO GREECE AND OTHER COUNTRIES. IN ANY CASE YNIGUEZ SAID HE REPEATED STRONG SPANISH REFUSAL TO ACCEPT DISCRIMINATORY POLICY.

2. YNIGUEZ SAID THAT ONE OF UK OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT US HAD AGREED DURING RECENT RENEGOTIATION OF BERMUDA AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT CHANGE TO GATWICK. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT ACCURACY OF REPORT

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GENERAL YNIGUEZ WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION US CAN PROVIDE WITH REGARD TO CURRENT US POSITION ON SWITCH TO GATWICK.

3. COMMENT/ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PROVIDE TO YNIGUEZ. GENERAL YNIGUEZ EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING OFFICIAL REQUEST, BUT ONLY WISHED TO HAVE INFORMAL GUIDANCE. STABLER

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